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Dear family members, we welcome you to read the events that happened at IOP in September 2019.

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SCOUT CAMP



On the first week of September 2019 Ilula Girl Guides and Scouts had a 3days camp, the camp had 120 participants; 62 girls and 58 boys. The participants were the Girl Guides and scouts from 10 secondary schools namely: Ngangwe, Selebu, Ilula, Kiheka,



Nyalumbu, Mazombe, Lukosi, The lord's hill, Ilole and Lundamatwe secondary school. The Theme of the camp was "***Learn with passion***" where they learned different things such as Scoutism, sign, smartness and good order, leadership, sex education, peacemaking, and patrol leaders training. Also during the camp they painted 21 black boards at Ilula secondary school, Isoliwaya and Ilula primary school. Also during the camp they had games, jogging in the morning, and camp fire in the evening.



Figure 1. The pictures above shows some of Ilula Scouts learning about leadership

MIKUMI TRIP WITH SUNFLOWER PRI & PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Sunflower Primary School had an Educational trip (tour) to MIKUMI National Park on 13th September 2019 where by 89 pupils were picked from



their school bus stations at 6:00 am. We had two buses used to collect pupils. The overall numbers of people who went to MIKUMI was 105 where by 89 were pupils, 13 were Sunflower staffs and 3 Original One One staff (the rented bus). In general, we had very

enjoyable

trip. Pupils were happy to see different animals. Bad lucky, the lion was not found in this day.



Giraffe

Elephant

Hippos

WELCOME PARTY



On Tuesday the 17th of September, there was a warm welcome party, which was very overwhelming and awesome to experience for volunteers and CFC participants. New volunteers didn't know beforehand what to expect about the party as it was completely new for them. Volunteers, staff and girls gathered in the hall where we sat down and waited for the girls to open the welcome party. IOP center girls walked slowly while singing a nice

song. It was amazing seeing the girls singing welcome songs and dancing for welcoming volunteers and CFC participants. IOP staff did a welcome speech the same to CFC and volunteers were given a chance to talk about themselves. Volunteers said "We learned a lot this evening, especially about the girls. They are so talented with their dancing, singing and the drums as well".



After the introductions and speeches, we had dinner together and the party was closed with a small speech. This was great experience and volunteers felt like an actual warm welcome, like Berit always says; "This is your home now".

BIRTHDAY PARTY



We had a very nice birthday party with 10 kids and 1 staff member. We started with the preparations after lunch where we made balloons and confetti.

Around 03:30 pm the party started where we started with singing



birthday songs for all the birthday persons.

Birthday persons also sang their age out loud to the crowd. From all the signing hunger arises but there was a nice cake!

All the kids, volunteers and staff members got a piece of delicious cake. This time volunteers also sang a Dutch song which was guided by the piano & guitar, with a nice closing of confetti being thrown around.

There was a time for presents and anyone having anything as present had to give to the birthday persons. After some great dancing and throwing around with the confetti we prayed for meal where we all eat together.

INETERVIEW WITH ANNE MARIE ABOUT TRIP TO MIKUMI WITH THE SENIOR CITIZEN

How many senior citizens came along that day?

"They were 46 seniors who came along including me"



How long was the trip to get there from Ilula?

"It was a pretty long drive, it took 3 hours and we left at 05:00 am, very early in the morning"

What about eating? Did you have lunch or breakfast?

"Not only lunch, there was breakfast as well! The breakfast was sponsored by Tan-Swiss lodge and we had lunch inside the Mikumi Park which was very, very good. We loved the food!"



Did you see any lions?

"Oh yes! We actually saw 5 lions which normally would not be possible because the lions were on a place that you could not access that easily because there was no road. But the tour guide took us there to get a closer look as they were sleeping. The seniors were very excited to see lions up close, and I did too of course"

Who paid for the trip?

"I played a big role in the financial part of this trip. The seniors only had to pay 6.000 TSH. I sponsored 12.000 Norwegian kroners which is roughly 3.000.000 TSH. But it was more than worth it!"

Have you seen the big 5? (The big 5 includes these animals: Elephants, Rhinos, Leopard, Buffaloes and lions)

*"Sadly, no. We have seen them all except the Leopard so it's a 'Big 4' for us!"
I'm happy we had a successful trip and we really enjoyed it.*



KIDS CORNER 15 YEARS ANNIVERSARY



When we arrived as volunteers on the 13th of September we received an invitation to be at the anniversary for the IOP Kids Corner. Very nice!

We were given an official invitation



and a donation card which we donated 40,000/= TSH beforehand and where planning on giving some more on the anniversary itself was done. The guest of honor was Anne-Marie Johnsen from Norway.

It was a day full of speeches and very nice dancing from the pre-school kids but also the primary school did some great performances.

She had also officially opened the new toilets which looked great! They painted the building gray with red doors. On the left side there is toilets for the girls, and on the right there is a toilet for the boys. The Guest of Honor, Anne-Maria Johnsen, donated 600.000 TSH for kitchen construction! A great contribution which lead to get closer to the goal to build the new kitchen.



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